



GT METRO EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY

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July 24, 2018

The regular meeting of the Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Jay Zollinger at Acme Township Hall, 6042 Acme Street, Wmsbg, MI.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - recited

Roll call – 6 members, a quorum

Beth Friend, East Bay

Jay Zollinger, Acme

Chuck Korn, Garfield

Glen Lile, East Bay

Darryl Nelson, Acme

Dan Walters, Garfield

ATTENDANCE:

Pat Parker, Chief

Brian Belcher, Asst. Chief-Fire Marshal/FP

Steve Apostal, Asst, Chief-OPS

Robin Ehardt, Accountant

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion** by Lile, supported by Friend, to approve the agenda as emailed. All ayes. Motion carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Dan Walters reported that he has two bills in the claims this month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 26th regular and July 16th special meeting minutes stand approved with no changes.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Financial report as presented. Also see the General Fund Investments and Public Improvement Fund reports.

CLAIMS: **Motion** by Lile, supported by Korn, to approve the G.T. Diesel claims in the amount of \$3,207.12 (check #15452 & 15477). Roll call: Korn, yes; Friend, yes; Lile, yes; Nelson, yes; Zollinger, yes; Walters refrained. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lile, supported by Nelson, to approve the prepays and regular claims, minus GT Diesel check #15452 & 15477, in the total amount of \$82,285.40 (check #15416-15481 with no voided checks). Roll call: Friend, yes; Walters, yes; Lile, yes; Nelson, yes; Korn, yes; Zollinger, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Cost Recovery Report for June will be emailed out to the Board later today.

See the 2% Award Notice from the GT Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians for \$29,619.90 for the purchase of "Active Assailant Equipment."



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REPORTS

CHIEF: See Chief Report. We were just notified that we will receive a \$200,000 zero % interest loan through the Cherryland Electric Coop Rural Development Grant for our new fire truck.

ASST. CHIEF/OPS-TRAINING: See Asst. Chief/OPS report.

ASST. CHIEF/FIRE MARSHAL: See Asst. Chief/Fire Marshal- Fire Prevention Bureau Report and Fire & Life Safety Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fire Truck Purchase: See spreadsheet "Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department Engine Purchase."

Discussion. The new engine will go to Station 11 as Engine 11, the current Engine 11 will go to Station 12, and the current Engine 12 will go into reserve status. We can take possession of the new engine in September of this year but pay for it in 2019. The recommendation by Parker was the Pierce Impel for \$493,440. **Motion** by Walters, supported by Nelson, to purchase the Pierce Impel (Model 30872) for \$493,440, utilizing the \$200,000 interest-free Cherryland loan, pending the discussion on the financing, and the Chief to research the extended warranty. Roll call: Walters, yes; Lile, yes; Nelson, yes; Korn, yes; Friend, yes; Zollinger, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Station 9 Remodel – Proposed East Bay Resolution: See East Bay Charter Township Resolution Addressing Improvement to Fire Station 9. Per the Motion at the last Board meeting, the Resolution was sent to Metro's Attorney for improved wording in Section C, last paragraph. The Resolution was modified and approved by both East Bay and Metro's Attorneys. Discussion. Korn said that consensus of the Garfield Twp Board at their study session, which was not a vote--just a comment, was they should not approve any expenses or changes in the budget until the lease discussion takes place. Chairman Zollinger said if that is where they are at, then this Resolution is a dead issue as of today. The Township Boards were given 60 days from June 7th to get their requests for the Articles of Incorporation completed. They need to get these requests in to Marcia by August 14th, and she will compile them into one document for discussion at the next Metro Board meeting.

Approve 2019 Budget – Pending Townships Approval: Ehardt went over the 2.35 mil budget and the 2.5 mil budget. Discussion. **Motion** by Korn, supported by Lile, to approve the Metro budget at the 2.35 mil based on the 2018 taxable value and based on total budget expenditures in the General Fund of \$4,276,801 and in the PIF Fund of \$148,315, with the spread as noted in the packet for the Townships. Roll call: Lile, yes; Nelson, no; Korn, yes; Friend, no; Walters, yes; Zollinger, yes. 4 yes, 2 no. Motion carried.



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Truck Financing: Ehardt reported that she received quotes from 3 banks in June 2018 to finance a truck purchase of \$550,000. Given that the truck approved by the Board will cost \$493,440, and that Metro received a \$200,000 interest-free loan from Cherryland Electric, Ehardt said she will obtain revised quotes from the banks for a loan of approximately \$293,440 and bring back to the August Metro Board meeting. Discussion on whether one of the Townships would like to provide financing for the truck. The Townships will contact Ehardt if they are interested.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Retiree Health Plan Form 5572 Waiver by Resolution 2018-03: Ehardt reported on the letter she received from the State of Michigan on June 27, 2018. The letter stated that the GT Metro Retiree Health Plan is underfunded, and that Metro could apply for a waiver of underfunded status. See the application and paperwork that Ehardt prepared to submit to the State along with Resolution 2018-03 – A Resolution to Approve State of Michigan Form 5584 – Application for Waiver and Plan: Retirement Health Benefit Systems for the Board to approve. **Motion** by Nelson, supported by Friend, to approve the Resolution 2018-03 to Approve State of Michigan Form 5584 – Application for Waiver and Plan: Retirement Health Benefit Systems. All ayes. Motion carried.

Any Suggested Agenda Items for Future Board Meetings:

- 1) Articles of Incorporation – Townships to submit their lists to Metro by Aug 14th to be compiled to one document for discussion at the next Metro board meeting.
- 2) Information back on the financing of the truck purchase.

Parker reported that back in 1999 Metro entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the NW Regional Fire Training Center to build the training center at the fairgrounds. The Metro Chairman is being asked to sign a new document. In the original agreement it was stated that should the NWRTC dissolve, that all real estate and personal property would go to Metro and Rural. In the new agreement, since Rural does not exist, they changed that language to say GT Metro Emergency Services Authority and all the other members: Long Lake Township, City of Traverse City, Peninsula Township, and Blair Township. Hearing no disagreement from any of the Board members, the agreement will move ahead for signature.

Public Comment: None

There being no objections, meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Jay Zollinger at 11:11 a.m.

Chairman Jay Zollinger

Assistant Secretary Marcia Schwind